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SUBJECT: HISTADRUT AND THE ICFTU PROTEST CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

1. RESPONDING TO CURRENT ICFTU SOLIDARITY APPEAL THAT ALL MEMBER UNIONS JOIN IN PROTEST CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN ARREST OF NINE TRADE UNION LEADERS AND RENEWED RESTRICTIONS ON NON-WHITE TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES, HISTADRUT HAS SENT PROTEST LETTER TO SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY. LETTER CONDEMNS APARTHEID AND ASKS FOR RELEASE OF IMPRISONED LABOR LEADERS.

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2. HISTADRUT INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT TOLD EMBASSY THAT ICFTU APPEAL DID NOT CALL FOR STRIKE OR BOYCOTT, A STEP WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVAL, BUT WAS SIMPLY A COMMUNICATION BY ICFTU SECRETARY GENERAL OTTO KERSTEN. THE BOYCOTT ACTION TAKEN BY SOME BRITISH AND EUROPEAN UNIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE, WITHOUT ICFTU COORDINATION.

3. SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY HERE REPLIED TO HISTADRUT PROTEST IN A LETTER CLAIMING THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE UNION LEADERS HAD NOT BEEN ARRESTED FOR TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES, BUT FOR VIOLATING SECURITY LAWS AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

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